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1. AT OUR INITIATIVE, AMBASSADOR MYERSON MET WITH HABITAT SECRETARY GENERAL PENALOSA ON FEBRUARY 4 TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO MAKE CLEAR U.S. GOVERNMENT VIEWS ON THE UNRESOLVED ISSUES (SEE REFTTEL A) AND TO CHECK IN GENERAL ON HOW PENALOSA'S INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WERE PROCEEDING.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER, PENALOSA SAID THAT HE DID NOT PLAN TO CONVENE A MEETING OF INTERESTED PARTIES; RATHER, HE HAD TALKED AND WOULD CONTINUE TO TALK WITH INDIVIDUAL DELS. (TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, PENALOSA IS NOT SEEKING OUT DELS BUT IS SIMPLY AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO CONTACT HIM.) HE LEFT
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THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT WHILE HE WOULD TRY TO WORK OUT

COMPROMISE LANGUAGE, HE DID NOT EXPECT TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND WAS PREPARED TO GO TO VANCOUVER WITH BRACKETED LANGUAGE STILL IN THE TEXT. FINALLY, IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY, HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO LET US LOOK AT THE FINAL DRAFT BEFORE IT IS FORMALLY CIRCULATED.

3. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC ISSUES:

(A) SECTION II, PARAGRAPH 5 PENALOSA THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO DELETE ALL REFERENCES TO PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY. (COMMENT: THIS WOULD BE OUR IDEAL SOLUTION, BUT WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE.)

(B) SECTION II, PARAGRAPH 7: PENALOSA REJECTED OUR ARGUMENT THAT DISARMAMENT WAS IRRELEVANT TO THE BASIC PURPOSES OF HABITAT BUT CONCEDED THAT THE WORDING MIGHT BE IMPROVED. (COMMENT: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON THIS.)

(C) SECTION II, PARAGRAPH 8: PENALOSA ARGUED THAT IT WAS UNREALISTIC TO THINK OF NOT REFERRING TO THE NIEO AND THUS THAT OUR ALTERNATIVE WORDING WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE. AMBASSADOR MYERSON POINTED OUT THAT WE HAD FOUND ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE FOR NIEO REFERENCES DURING THE 30TH UNGA AND PROMISED TO SEND COPIES OF THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS TO PENALOSA. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED U.S. GOVERNMENT OBJECTIONS TO THE CONCEPT OF "REDISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES."

(D) SECTION III, PARAGRAPH 14: PENALOSA PROPOSES TO GET AROUND THE PROBLEM IN THIS SECTION BY QUOTING SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES IN THE VARIOUS DOCUMENTS CITED RATHER THAN THE GENERAL CALL FOR REAFFIRMATION OF THE DOCUMENTS THEMSELVES. (COMMENT: WE WILL WANT TO SEE THE ACTUAL WORDING BEFORE PASSING JUDGMENT.)

4. MISSION IS SENDING A LETTER TO PENLOSA CONFIRMING THE ABOVE AND PROVIDING THE DOCUMENTS PROMISED (3-C ABOVE). WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROD HIM TO WORK OUT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE PRIOR TO FORMALLY CIRCULATING THE REVISED DRAFT. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT THAT HE HAS THIS IN MIND AND THUS EXPECT THAT ISSUES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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